

1. Determine if the following limits exist. If they exist, compute them. Justify your answers.

(a) (4 points)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{6}{2h - h^3} - \frac{3}{h} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{6}{2h - h^3} - \frac{3}{h} \right) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{6 - 3(2 - h^2)}{2h - h^3} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3h^2}{2h - h^3} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3h}{2 - h^2} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b) (4 points)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x^2 - 7x - 4}{x - 2}$

The numerator is going to  $-10$  and the denominator is going to  $0$ .

$x - 2$  is negative when  $x < 2$  and positive when  $x > 2$ .

Thus  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{2x^2 - 7x - 4}{x - 2} = -\infty$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{2x^2 - 7x - 4}{x - 2} = \infty$

Since the left and right limits are not equal, the limit does not exist.

(c) (4 points)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{5x^4 + 6}}{x^2 - 3x}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{5x^4 + 6}}{x^2 - 3x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{5x^4 + 6} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2}}{(x^2 - 3x) \cdot \frac{1}{x^2}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{5 + \frac{6}{x^4}}}{1 - \frac{3}{x}} \\ &= \sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

2. (7 points) Do not use any differentiation formulas in this problem. Use limits where appropriate. Find the slope of the tangent line to the curve  $y = x^2 + 5x$  at the point  $(1, 6)$ .

Let  $m$  be the slope of the tangent line at  $x = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} m &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y(1+h) - y(1)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+h)^2 + 5(1+h) - 6}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + 2h + h^2 + 5 + 5h - 6}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{7h + h^2}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 7 + h \\ &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

3. (7 points) A particle is travelling in a straight line. Its position is given by  $x = (t^2 - 14)e^t$ , where  $x$  is in feet and  $t$  is in seconds. Find all times when the acceleration of the particle is zero.

We must find when the 2nd derivative is zero.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= (t^2 + 2t - 14)e^t \\ \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} &= (t^2 + 4t - 12)e^t \\ 0 &= (t^2 + 4t - 12)e^t \\ 0 &= t^2 + 4t - 12 \quad \text{because } e^t > 0 \\ &= (t+6)(t-2) \end{aligned}$$

Thus the two times are  $t = -6$  and  $t = 2$ .

4. (7 points) Let  $c$  be a constant. Define  $F(x)$  by the piecewise formula

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} cx^2 - 3x & \text{if } x \leq -1; \\ cx + 11 & \text{if } x > -1. \end{cases}$$

Find a value of  $c$  that makes  $F$  continuous on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Justify your answer. (Your justification should involve limits).

*First note that, for any  $c$ ,  $F(x)$  is continuous if  $x \neq -1$ . Indeed, if  $x > -1$  then  $F(x)$  is a linear function and if  $x < -1$  then  $F(x)$  is a quadratic polynomial. These functions are always continuous.*

*Now consider  $x = -1$ . We must show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} F(x)$  exists, and equals  $F(-1)$ .*

*Note that  $F(-1) = c + 3$*

*To show that the limit exists, we must show that the left and right limits are equal.*

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} F(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} cx + 11 \\ &= 11 - c \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} F(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} cx^2 - 3x \\ &= c + 3 \end{aligned}$$

*Note that the left limit equals  $F(-1)$ .*

*Thus it is enough to find a value  $c$  so that  $11 - c = c + 3$ .*

*$c = 4$  is the value we want.*

5. (7 points) Calculate the equation of the tangent line to  $g(x) = |x^2 - 4x|$  at  $x = 3$ .

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} -x^2 + 4x & \text{if } 0 < x < 4; \\ x^2 - 4x & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$g'(x) = \begin{cases} -2x + 4 & \text{if } 0 < x < 4; \\ 2x - 4 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$g'(3) = -2, \quad g(3) = 3, \quad y - 3 = -2(x - 3)$$

6. (10 points) Find the equations of **all** tangent lines to the curve  $y = \frac{3x+4}{2x+5}$  that are parallel to the line  $7x - 25y = 3$ .

Note that the slope of the given line is  $m = \frac{7}{25}$ .

We first find all  $x$  values where  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{7}{25}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{7}{25} &= \frac{dy}{dx} \\ &= \frac{3(2x+5) - 2(3x+4)}{(2x+5)^2} \\ &= \frac{7}{(2x+5)^2} \\ \frac{1}{25} &= \frac{1}{(2x+5)^2} \\ (2x+5)^2 &= 25 \\ 2x+5 &= \pm 5\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $x = -5, 0$

Then  $y(-5) = \frac{11}{5}$  and  $y(0) = \frac{4}{5}$

The lines are  $y - \frac{11}{5} = \frac{7}{25}(x+5)$  and  $y - \frac{4}{5} = \frac{7}{25}x$